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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (FOR MRN 00029 VICE 00000)

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SUBJ: TAVIANI CONTINUES TO PURSUE EMBASSY CONNECTION

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1. THE INTRA-DC, PRE-REGIONAL CONGRESS BATTLE IS SHAPING UP AS A RATHER CLEARCUT LEFT-RIGHT CONTEST, WITH THE FORCES OF ON. P.E. TAVIANI ALIGNED WITH THE LEFT. EVER THE PRAGMATIST, TAVIANI APPEARS TO BE COVERING HIS LEFTWARD MOVEMENT BY ANNOUNCING TO WHOMEVER WILL LISTEN THAT HE EXPECTS TO RE-ESTABLISH CLOSE RAPPORT WITH EMBASSY ROME.
2. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, TAVIANI ASKED CONOFFS TO ELICIT REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT WITH TAVIANI BY POLCOUNS. NOW A WELL-INFORMED SOURCE, LA STAMPA CORRESPONDENT PAOLO LINGUA, HAS TOLD US THAT TAVIANI IS

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CHARACTERIZING HIS INITIATIVE AS AN ATTEMPT TO CLEAR UP MISUNDERSTAND

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INGS CREATED BY TAVIANI'S ONGOING SOVIET EMBASSY CONTACTS. LINGUA SAI

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THAT TAVIANI UNDERLINED HIS OBJECTIVE OF BETTER RELATIONS WITH EMBASSY ROME DURING TWO RECENT NTERVIEWS. OUR SOURCE IS NOT POLITICALLY LINKED TO DC, NOR DID HE SEEM TO BE AWARE OF RECENT
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TAVIANI CONTACTS WITH CONOFFS.

3. IF THIS SUDDEN ATTENTION IS ANYTHING OTHER THAN AN OLD POLITICIAN'

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EGO TRIP, IT MAY HAVE TO DO WITH TAVIANI'S RUMORED DESIRE TO WIN
ELECTION TO THE LARGELY HONORIFIC POST OF PRESIDENT OF DC NATIONAL
COUNCIL. REPORTEDLY, HIS CHANCES FOR THE JOB ARE LINKED TO THE
FORTUNES OF THE MORO-ZACCAGNINI FACTION. PERHAPS TAVIANI ALSO THINKS
HE NEEDS TO RE-ESTABLISH HIS PRO-AMERICAN CREDENTIALS TO GET THE
JOB. BRUNO

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